

Docket No 06-181

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**From:** Jeanine [Jeanine@LCCIL.ORG]**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 12:06 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Granting Exemption of Closed Captioning to Organizations Not Receiving Compensation from Video Programming Distributors

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Dear Commissioners of the FCC:

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Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Our family uses closed captioned television in our home. It is a service that we have come to rely on not only for entertainment but also for vital connection to the the community. Lately, the FCC has allowed the airing of more and more video programming without closed captioning. If more organizations requesting exemption from providing closed captioning receive exemption, less stringent regulation will lead to deterioration in the number of organizations that will provide closed captioning. I cannot accept this eroding of the right to programming and services given to my family and me by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Closed captioned broadcasting is not a "gift" given to the public by the FCC. Arbitrary interpretation of the law by the commission should not be allowed to "curtail" mine or anyone else's right to understand broadcast programming. The proof necessary to meet the requirements of "undue burden" should primarily regard the right of the all all people viewing the programming - the common good.

Jeanine Gavagan  
Lake County CIL  
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Mundelein, IL 60060  
jeanine@lccil.org

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**From:** gibson [joypotz@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 12:08 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captioning

**OCT 16 2006**

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear Chief DeSai:

I am deeply disturbed at the recent orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. I believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! I and my hard of hearing community need our closed captioning. It is the only open window for some. Jack P. Gibson Lt/Col USAF Res. Ret. 795 Sunset Dr. Lakewood, Co 80214

Kenneth L. Hill

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**From:** dmgalvan [dmgalvan@att.net]

**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 8:42 PM

**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

**Cc:** comments@whitehouse.gov; vice\_president@whitehouse.gov

**Subject:** I protest giving exemptions for closed captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

TO: Kevin I. Martin  
FCC Chairman

RE: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Exemptions in this case will not serve the intent of protecting the hearing impaired person's rights to enjoy visual media. My wife is deaf, and my 19 year old son is losing his hearing. We enjoy close captioning as a family outing, both for entertainment as well as educational.

Please reconsider your decision. Close captioning is important to us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Dennis Galvan

cc: President Bush  
Vice President Cheney

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**From:** Monica Desai  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:07 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: FCC granting too many captioning exemptions

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

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**From:** CARRIE GRABO [mailto:vandergrabo@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 9:17 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** FCC granting too many captioning exemptions

Dear Chairman and Commissioners,

As the mother of a deaf teenager who grows and thrives on captioned television programming and who feels terribly disenfranchised by programming that is not captioned, I am very upset at the FCC's recent granting of large numbers of captioning exemptions. Captions are the only way that deaf and hard-of-hearing people have access to the powerful, influential, and ubiquitous medium of television. Providing captions should be as basic in television as providing audio or video - it is just as fundamental to the audience that relies on it.

I consider this policy of granting large-scale exemptions a barrier to my daughter's integration into American society - in all its aspects - and I ask you to reverse your actions. It is especially bizarre and upsetting that the FCC granted permanent exemptions in cases where only temporary exemptions were requested. Please work from the opposite assumption: Captions are essential, and only under the most extreme and unforeseen conditions (which these are not) should they be omitted.

Carrie Grabo  
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Vienna VA 22181  
(703) 242-6506  
[vandergrabo@msn.com](mailto:vandergrabo@msn.com)

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**From:** Jay Keithley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 6:05 PM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW:  
Undue burden exemption

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Office of the Secretary

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Ronald Demey [mailto:rondemey@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 5:35 PM  
**To:** FCCINFO; Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell  
**Cc:** Monica Desai; Jay Keithley; Tom.Chandler@fcc.gov; Cheryl King; info@tdi-online.org  
**Subject:**

- US Senator Barbara Boxer

- US Senator Diane Feinstein

- US Representative \_\_\_\_\_

The FCC mailing address and fax number is:

Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20054

FAX: Attn: Chairman Martin  
(202) 418-0232

Feel free to copy this sample letter below and add your personal part in the letter. If you know of any locally produced outdoor or religious shows that ARE captioned, please to mention it in your letter.

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September 18, 2006

Kevin J. Martin, Chairman  
Michael J. Copps, Commissioner  
Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner  
Deborah Taylor Tate, Commissioner  
Robert M. McDowell, Commissioner

Dear Commissioners,

This is to let you know that I fully support the action alerts from TDI and

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*other national organizations to oppose the decisions taken by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on September 12, 2006. We respectfully ask that the FCC reverse its September 12, 2006 decisions regarding television captioning waivers.*

Churches make up a very important part of every community. It is within their mission to support the basic needs of all people within their reach. When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast one year ago, they were among the first to offer help with shelter, food, and other assistance to the survivors. Captioning TV programs does meet a legitimate basic need for access to information just like building a ramp to the church door. By providing captions to meet the needs of a significant population group, the churches will find themselves with an expanded TV viewership, which will lead to an increase in their membership and other support from the community. When children and adults are able to read captions on spiritual programs, they are influenced to live up to high moral standards and contribute their part to the community. Hearing loss is the number one growing disability among senior citizens – they will find themselves depending on captioning to listen to the message.

We want to participate fully in all programs and services at our local church because it serves as a vital resource that empowers us to be fully integrated in the community. If one of us who are deaf or hard of hearing sees the services with captions on TV, we can interact with other church members, neighbors, fellow employees, family members, and service professionals in the local community. We stand to benefit from the "local connection" that national religious programs are unable to provide.

We know that all video programmers have had ten years to prepare for the captioning regulations now in place, and temporary waivers when appropriate. When you give full permanent exemptions to the two programmers, it reverses all the access we have worked on for years. We ask that programmers consider other possible revenue options such as sponsorships, long-term captioning service agreements, and aftermarket sales (videotapes or DVDs) to cover and minimize the cost of captioning. Or, they can reduce other expenses in their production budgets to enable the provision of captioning.

Closed captioning gives me a) access to news that is indispensable to the community, b) entertainment that is an integral part of our lives, and c) education that paves the way for us to become self-sufficient in society. The information that everyone in the community receives is also important to me and I can only get it if it is captioned.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ronald F. De Mey

680 Mission Street #21 J  
San Francisco, CA 94105

[rondemey@hotmail.com](mailto:rondemey@hotmail.com)

cc:

Monica Desai, Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau  
Jay Keithley, Deputy Chief (Policy), Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Tom  
Chandler, Chief, Disability Rights Office Cheryl King, Deputy Chief, Disability  
Rights Office

US Senator Barbara Boxer and US Senator Diane Feinstein

Ron

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Ronald F. De Mey  
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San Francisco, CA 94105  
U.S.A

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USA Relay Service 711, please tell the operator to dial for you 415.979.0357

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MSN Messenger/WebCamerar: [rondemey@hotmail.com](mailto:rondemey@hotmail.com)

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

From: Jeanne Dzik [jeanartene@charter.net]  
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2006 6:26 PM  
To: Monica Desai  
Subject: DA06-1802,CGB-CC-0005 & CGB-CC-0007

*Dear Commissioner,*

*PLEASE DO NOT WEAKEN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSED CAPTIONING. CC has broadened my world. Without it I can't understand the news or other programs on TV. I depend on CC to keep me up to date with current events or emergency announcements in my area.*

*Thank you,*

*Ms Jeanne Dzik*

*POB 182 Lake Ann, MI 49650*

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**From:** Roy Delvalle [Delvaller@michigan.gov]**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2006 12:00 PM**To:** Monica Desai**Subject:** Closed Captioning

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007 Dear FCC Chairman, As a person with a hearing loss, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Roy J. Del Valle

618 South Dexter Dr.

Lansing, MI 4810

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**From:** MAJORIE V-TYY DONNELLY [ymargdonnell@msn.com]**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2006 12:36 AMFederal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai**Subject:** Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

"In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Marjorie Donnelly, Legally Deaf Person  
313 Pine St, Nashua, NH 03060

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**From:** Dancerpsd1@aol.com

**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2006 6:39 PM

**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** (no subject)

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear FCC Chairman, We protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Don and Patricia de Fremery  
832 Waverly Common  
Livermore, CA 94551

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**From:** Carel Dunaway [cvdunaway@cox.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 01, 2006 11:12 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

October 1, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

People who are deaf or hard of hearing want access to televised information and entertainment, just like everyone else.

Closed captioning is an essential part of any televised program. Captioning is not too difficult or too expensive.

I cannot watch television programs that are not captioned.

Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

Carel Dunaway  
583 Lake Ridge Dr  
Russellville, AR 72802-9247

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**From:** Jeff Dawson [jeff1d@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2006 12:22 AM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

September 28, 2006  
FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai

Dear Monica Desai,

I protest the FCC approval of almost 300 requests for new programs to be shown without closed captions.

The FCC weakened the closed captioning rules, and appears to have created new standards and new rules for permitting programs to be televised without closed captions. I believe the FCC violated the closed captioning rules.

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Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Dawson  
PO Box 244  
Fort Collins, CO 80522-0244

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**From:** Darla Dickerson [PeachPoodle@cox.net]**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 10:03 PM**To:** Kevin Martin; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Monica Desai**Cc:** PeachPoodle@cox.net**Subject:** Closed Caption

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Mr. Martin, Ms. Tate, Mr. McDowell, Mr. Cobb, Ms. DeSai

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman, I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use.

Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

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Sincerely,

Darla Dickerson

Gilbert, Arizona

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**From:** Donna DeStefano [donna\_d@tndisability.org]

**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 9:48 AM

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**To:** Kevin Martin

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

**Cc:** Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Monica Desai

**Subject:** Recent Orders

**RE:** DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

Dear FCC Chairman,

I am deeply concerned about the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations.

I respectfully ask that you reconsider your orders. People who are deaf and hard of hearing deserve to have access to information that others who can hear have.

Thank you

Sincerely,  
Donna DeStefano  
Tennessee Disability Coalition  
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Nashville, TN 37204  
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**From:** Bill Dickinson [dickinsw@charter.net]

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2006 9:23 PM

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**To:** Monica Desai

**Subject:** FCC decision to bypass consumers in allowing captioning exemptions

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Monica,

The FCC's recent decision to grant captioning exemptions to religious organization WITHOUT consumer input is a big mistake. In effect they have allowed the creation of a barrier between religious communications and the deaf/hard-of-hearing. I suppose none of decision makers nor their relatives are deaf or hard-of-hearing, otherwise they would know first-hand how critically important captioning is. Tell me how this is possible. Does their decision violate provisions the American Disabilities Act?

They owe us an explanation.

Sincerely,

William Dickinson  
1307 North Hills Avenue  
Marshfield, WI 54449

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**From:** Matthew561@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 8:35 AM  
**To:** Kevin Martin

**Subject:** CLOSED CAPTIONING

In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
Dear FCC Chairman,

I protest the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis, not in keeping with current regulations. We are outraged and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!

Personally, I have hearing problems due to MS. While not technically deaf I am extremely hard of hearing and read most of my TV viewing. The quality of the present caption leaves a lot to be desired and any action that would diminish the service any further would be a major disservice to a large portion of the viewing public

Thank you for your attention to these concerns

Matthew Mark Drew  
3321 East 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50316-1203

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Office of the Secretary

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**From:** Rachel Dubin [rdubin@gwu.edu]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2006 12:33 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Ms. Desai:

I am a profoundly deaf individual who has grown up watching television. When Sesame Street, my favorite show as a little girl, became, in 1979, the first show to be captioned, I was overjoyed, because captions would allow me, a newly deafened child, to continue my enjoyment of this show. Without captions, I would not have been able to enjoy programming from The Cosby Show, 227, Head of the Class, Full House, Sister Kate, Night Court and others in the 1980s, to Life Goes On in the 1990s, to ER, Grey's Anatomy, The OC, and others today. Without captions I would not have been able to stay abreast of events of 9/11/01 as they unfolded, or been informed about world events and state and national elections. Today, when I learned about the recent Orders granting exemptions from closed captioning issued by CGB, I was furious.

I protest these recent Orders. These Orders appear to create a new regulation, carving out a new exemption basis that is not in keeping with current regulations. Further, the decision sets a very bad precedent. (A) It is counter to the regulations at 47 CFR Part 79.1(d) that allow for certain exemptions; and (b) it is de facto rulemaking without notice. This was a terrible, terrible decision in a recent spate of negative decisions in favor of large and small companies and ignoring the needs of people with disabilities, who don't have the power to send programs that even the "smallest" broadcaster can send over the airwaves.

I am outraged, as are my fellow deaf and hard of hearing Americans, and believe the FCC has created a loophole that almost any entity crying "it costs too much" can now use. Please reconsider your decision immediately!! We deaf and hard of hearing people need our closed captioning!

Sincerely,  
Rachel Dubin  
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Washington, DC 20037  
rdubin@gwu.edu

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**From:** Tim De Vita [11vita@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2006 2:21 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Closed Captions

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Tim DeVita

14439 E. First Dr. A-6  
Aurora, Co. 80011

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**From:** Shdunn2@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2006 2:47 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** In Re DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007  
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Please reconsider immediately! We need our closed captioning!  
Sue Dunn  
7337 N. State Hwy 125  
Strafford, Mo 65757

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**From:** Audrey Dessauer [ardessau@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2006 2:03 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and GB-CC-0007

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The Deaf and Hard of Hearing need our closed captioning!

Audrey Dessauer  
2855 Rock Creek Circle, Unit 260  
Superior, CO 80027

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**From:** Monica Desai  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2006 10:08 AM  
**To:** Pam Gregory  
**Subject:** FW: Message on captioning exemptions and notes.

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**From:** Cham Dee [mailto:bizcham@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 13, 2006 9:41 PM  
**To:** Kevin Martin; Michael Copps; Jonathan Adelstein; Deborah Tate; Robert McDowell; Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Message on captioning exemptions and notes.

Dear Chairman of the FCC,

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Sincerely,

Cham Dee

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Shirley Dittmer [fairy\_dust@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2006 10:22 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** HELP

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**Please don't take that from me too!**

**Shirley Dittmer**

**13512 Bowman Lane NW Mt.Savage,Md. 21545**

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**Kenneth L. Hill**

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**From:** Bradley Dale [BeDale@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2006 7:12 PM  
**To:** Monica Desai  
**Subject:** Re: DA 06-1802, CGB-CC-0005 and CGB-CC-0007

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**OCT 16 2006**

*September 25, 2006*  
*FCC Chief, Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau Monica Desai*

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*Please reconsider these FCC decisions and support closed captioning.*

*Sincerely,*

*Bradley Dale*  
*910 8th St NE*  
*Washington, DC 20002-3619*